



TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Subject: Statement made pursuant to Communiqué Serial: VIII, No: 54 of the Capital Markets Board

Borsa Istanbul
ISTANBUL

Material Event(s) to be disclosed:

To the attention of the general public:

As it is known, 51 percent of Halkbank shares are owned by the state and the remaining 49 percent is publicly-owned and traded on Borsa Istanbul Stock Exchange.

Our Bank's shares attracted great interest from both local and international investors during the initial public offering in the year 2007. This attention and recognition, combined with the performance of our Bank, grew across the international financial markets and our Bank achieved another landmark success with its secondary public offering in 2012, five years after its IPO. Halkbank has been positioned among the most successful companies of the last decade.

Halkbank enjoys an outstanding position and high regard in the eyes of the international public. We once more would like to take this opportunity to bring it to the attention of the general public that utmost endeavour and care must be exercised in order to protect the value of this local and global brand which has been achieved over long years of hard toil.

We also find it necessary to re-emphasize the issues we shared with the public on December 23, 2013.

Ü Our Bank has always fully complied with national and international regulations in all its business operations and transactions and has taken all measures to safeguard the rights of its stakeholders, business partners and depositors.

Ü All business operations and transactions of our Bank are audited by the relevant auditing authorities on a regular basis.

Despite the repeated statements by the relevant authorities that the investigation being undertaken by the judicial authorities has nothing to do with the operations of our Bank, we observe that malicious, erroneous, incomplete, misleading and unjust news and comments about our Bank keep taking place in the media recently.

Halkbank is an important institution of our country and malicious, erroneous, inaccurate incomplete, misleading, and unjust news and comments which may negatively impact its reputation and value both in Turkey and overseas, constitute a criminal act according to the law. In this regard, we would like to inform the general public that we are determined to use

all our rights granted by the laws of Turkey, and especially by the Banking Law, against those who become a source for, make or disseminate such news and comments.

Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. Board of Directors

We hereby declare that our above statements conform with the principles contained in the Capital Markets Board Communiqué Serial VIII, No. 54, that it fully reflects the information received in connection with the matter(s); that the information complies with books, records and documents; that we have spent all the necessary efforts to obtain complete and accurate information related to the matter; and that we are responsible for all statements made in this regard.

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